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For: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
NAVIGATING
DETERMINISTICALLY THROUGH
A GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A clean copy of the claims as amended can be found in Appendix A. Also, a copy of the specification showing the changes made is provided in Appendix B.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20, with:

In accordance with the present invention, a computer-executable application driver scans a GUI of an application to be explored for information related to its graphics elements.

This results in the acquisition of information related to top-level graphics elements of the GUI. These elements characterize the initial state of the application. From this information, the application driver chooses one of the top-level elements and then chooses an action to perform on that element. The application driver records each state it encounters and each

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